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**FROM COLONEL WILLIAM BYRD.<sup>1</sup>**

WILLIAMSBURGH Decr. 12, 1755

DEAR SIR

The bearer Mr. Duncanson was recommended to me by Capt. Stewart, to succeed a Lieutenant in his Light Horse who is desirous to resign. I applied to the Governor and he said he would write to you on the subject. Should you approve of preferring the young gentleman, I shall be much obliged to you. I wish I could entertain you with news, but we have none here.

I am Dr. Sir, Your affe. & Obd: Servt. W. BYRD

<sup>1</sup> Colonel William Byrd, of "Westover," James River, the third of the name; County Lieutenant of Halifax County; member of the Council; Colonel of the Second Virginia Regiment; died, January 1, 1777, aged forty-eight years. —BROCK.